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BUENOS AIRES TO RIO

Move to the hypnotic rhythms of Argentina and Brazil on this intoxicating journey from Buenos Aires to Rio.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

Latin America, Argentina, Brazil

9 days from AU$11,960 pp

Private

Journey Overview

Take an immersive dive into the enigmatic countries of Argentina and Brazil, where Samba and Tango provide the ultimate soundtrack to South America's most captivating sites. From horseback riding in the Pampas, to traversing the rapids at Iguazú Falls, to the shimmering beaches of Rio de Janeiro, experience a tapestry of cultures alongside delectable feasts of local flavours and fare.

Journey Highlights

- Sort the truths from the myths on a fascinating private tour dedicated to Evita
- Experience quintessential gaucho life at one of Argentina's oldest *estancias*
- Venture backstage at a Samba school and observe their lively preparations for Carnaval
- Feel the power and spray of the Iguazú Falls on an exhilarating speedboat ride
- Relish an evening spent in the seductive embrace of Argentina's most sensuous dance

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

Welcome to Buenos Aires! On arrival, enjoy private transfer with your A&K representative to your hotel in the heart of exclusive Recoleta. Following time to unwind, immerse yourself in the city's many quarters. Let your guide reveal the secrets of gritty and colourful La Boca, walk along El Caminito filled with artists and tango strains, explore the cobblestone charm of San Telmo and discover the political heart of the Plaza de Mayo.

Four Seasons Buenos Aires

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Uncover the incredible story of Eva Peron on a private tour dedicated to the early life, rise to power and charity work of the world's most famous First Lady. Marvel at the Evita Museum, then take in Eva's most iconic haunts, including the 'City of Angels' where she lays to rest.

This afternoon, take in the city at leisure, before an evening spent in the seductive embrace of Argentina's most evocative dance. Hosted in the radically elegant ballroom of Philippe Starck-designed Faena Hotel, let the live band and Rojo Tango dancers dazzle, as you indulge in a gastronomic feast expertly paired with Argentinian wines.

Four Seasons Buenos Aires | Meals: BD

Day 3: Buenos Aires – San Antonio de Areco – Buenos Aires

Step straight back into 18th century Argentina with your private A&K guide as you travel through the vast plains of Pampas to colonial township, San Antonio de Areco. Take a deep dive into ranch culture at the Ricardo Güiraldes Gaucho Museum, study master craftsmen as they hammer out Pampas artifacts — from yerba mate gourds to belts — before visiting one of the oldest *estancias* in Argentina. Devour a delicious barbecue lunch before exploring the property on a horse ride, by carriage or bike. Challenge locals to a game of bocce, Argentine style, or simply relax on the porch, watching local life unfold. This afternoon, enjoy a peaceful, gaucho-inspired afternoon tea before returning to Buenos Aires.

Four Seasons Buenos Aires | Meals: BL

Day 4: Buenos Aires – Iguazú Falls, Brazil

This morning, enjoy a private transfer to Buenos Aires airport for your onward flight to Puerto Iguazú — the gateway to UNESCO World Heritage site, Iguazú Falls. Accompany your A&K guide to the plunging, deafening cascade of the 'Garganta del Diablo' waterfall (Devil's Throat), before continuing on to the only hotel in Brazil to grant exclusive access to Iguazú National Park. Soak up the jungle chorus while you float in the pool, stroll gardens brimming with orchids or perhaps sip caipirinhas as you admire the falls in near solitude.

Hotel Das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel | Meals: B

Day 5: Iguazú Falls

Descend into the glittering Iguazú Falls canyon as you absorb the staggering panorama of some 275 separate falls, before taking a glass elevator back up to the crest. Then set off in an open 4WD jeep to the heart of the rainforest with your expert naturalist, followed by an exhilarating boat trip over rapids as you pass through the waterways of the canyon and up to the base of the falls themselves. Later, you may like to experience a helicopter flight (additional charge) for an unrivalled view of the waterfalls, or head back to your exclusive accommodation to relax by the pool.

Hotel Das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 6: Iguazú Falls – Rio de Janeiro

This morning, you'll head to the Iguazú Bird Park for a behind-the-scenes, up-close encounter with some of Brazil's rarest birdlife. Continue via private transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro, where Samba is the soundtrack to a cinematic backdrop of lush mountains and shimmering beaches. Drop your bags at your stunning Copacabana beachside hotel and get a feel for this vibrant city as you stroll along the promenade with the *Cariocas*.

Hotel Emiliano | Meals: B

Day 7: Rio de Janeiro

Enjoy a private walking tour with your expert guide through Rio's historic centre as you decode the city's fascinating evolution from 16th century Portuguese colonisation to today. Take in stunning Neoclassical, Baroque, and Gothic Revival architecture including art shows, exhibitions and markets of the Centro, in this cultural tour which showcases old Rio alongside its modern revolution. In the afternoon, your tour continues to the Urca district where you'll take a cable car into the clouds at Sugarloaf Mountain and Urca Hill for a staggering panorama of the sandy swathes of Guanabara Bay — surrounded by green mountainous islands.

Hotel Emiliano | Meals: B

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Immerse yourself in preparations for 'The Greatest Show on Earth', Rio's famous Carnaval, at Grande Rio Samba School. Move to the hypnotic rhythm of samba in a dance class, feel the resonance of the drums, cymbals and trumpets in a percussion workshop and observe the making of the school's elaborate costumes and flamboyant floats. Later, head to the bohemian Santa Teresa neighbourhood for a taste of Old Rio and your sumptuous lunch at a private estate. This afternoon, take to the hills in a charming streetcar, seek out Rio's vibrant art studios, and experience the neo-gothic 'Little Castle' on a tucked-away island in the Guanabara Bay.

Hotel Emiliano | Meals: BL

Day 9: Depart Rio de Janeiro

Witness one of the seven wonders of the modern world, Corcovado's Christ the Redeemer as it rises almost half a mile into the Rio sky. Gaze to the heavens at the prophetic figure and bask in the views of the city from striking Mount Corcovado. Capture this lasting image of Rio before your private transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

Meals: B

Map

BRAZIL
Iguazú Falls
Rio de Janeiro
ARGENTINA
ATLANTIC OCEAN
Buenos Aires
ARRIVE/DEPART
AIR
ROAD

Accommodation

Four Seasons Buenos Aires

The Four Seasons brand is synonymous with style and service. Situated in the heart of the exclusive La Recoleta district, this hotel is within easy reach of the city's cultural attractions. From the outside you will be wowed by the hotel's blending of a contemporary tower and early 20th-century, French-style mansion. In the tower, warm, comfortable rooms feature leather upholstered headboards and dark mahogany furnishings. Suites in La Mansión offer either French country décor, with high ceilings, antiques and Toile de Jouy wallpaper, or a more contemporary look.

Preferred Rooms and Suites on the seventh and eighth floors of the tower enjoy complimentary access to The Library, an exclusive lounge on the seventh floor that provides a selection of international newspapers and magazines, and complimentary Internet access.

Another highlight is Pony Line, a chic bar. Inspired by the sport of kings, Pony Line brings to life the casual chic of La Dolfina polo lifestyle. Balancing urban sophistication with the carefree elegance of polo in leathers and other fabrics, riding motifs, art by Alejandro Moy, and rugged yet refined elements such as pergamino-clad trunks that act as cocktail tables, the mood at Pony Line is lively and fun.

Why we like it

- Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires offers 116 spacious guest rooms and 49 suites, including seven one-of-a-kind suites in the adjacent Belle Époque-style mansion
- The hotel is located in the heart of the city in stylish La Recoleta district
- Dine on premium beef and impeccable seasonal vegetables in a dramatic airy setting at Elena, or savour delicious bites and equally delicious wine, cocktails and artisanal beers at the casual chic Pony Line
- The Spa at Four Seasons offers a full range of massages and spa treatments based on the Germaine de Capuccini natural product line
- An outdoor, Roman-style pool is located in the hotel gardens

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Foz do Iguaçu

The Hotel das Cataratas is a Portuguese-colonial residence and a classic Belmond hotel, redolent with the atmosphere of lazy days lounging on a veranda or beneath sub-tropical palms.

The rooms are decorated in a Portuguese style and feature paintings of the local flora and fauna by the Brazilian artist Ludmilla de Montes, alongside traditional Azulejos "painted tiles" designed exclusively for Hotel das Cataratas. The suites follow a similar decorative style, with the addition of outdoor spaces in many cases. All have lovely, marble-lined bathrooms.

This charming hotel is a fantastic location from which to experience the magnificence of the Iguaçu Falls, or to explore the paths leading to the mighty Devil's Throat.

Why we like it

- Some of the suites have private balconies. All rooms are air-conditioned
- The Hotel das Cataratas is the only hotel within the Iguaçu National Park (on the Brazilian side), and is surrounded by tropical nature alongside the Iguaçu Falls
- Dining options include Ipê Grill alongside the pool and the Restaurant Itaipu - both serve international cuisine and local dishes

Hotel Emiliano, Rio de Janeiro

Emiliano Rio is an ultramodern hotel whose distinctive façade fronts Copacabana Beach. As well the chic designs and exceptional service offered here, the panoramic views over the gleaming sea and glorious coastline complete your experiences. Throughout your stay be sure to discover the hotel's fantastic amenities, lounge on the soft sands and explore the exciting city of Rio de Janeiro.

Rooms are light and airy, each with astonishing window views. The large outdoor pool has an infinity edge overlooking the ocean. Santapele Spa boasts a spectacular menu and is sure to be a highlight of your stay. Emile Restaurant is a fantastic dining venue with atmospheric vertical gardens and a focus on high-quality ingredients. You will find a second restaurant on the rooftop, the perfect spot for an alfresco lunch.

Staying at the Emiliano Rio also enables you to enjoy comfortable seating, a canopy and service on the Copacabana Beach.

Why we like it

- Emiliano Rio has a privileged location on Copacabana beach
- Enjoy contemporary style and magnificent views throughout the hotel
- Emile Restaurant boasts a stunning vertical garden
- Great location for exploring the sights of Rio de Janeiro

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